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SUMMARY: DAVIES' DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA REVEALS FORWARD MOVEMENT ON NARCOTICS FRONT BUT GOA (AND UN) CLEARLY NOT READY SIGN ANY MEANINGFUL PROJECT AGREEMENT. NOR IS TIME PROPITIOUS FOR MARTENS VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. DAVIES RETURNED KABUL IN EARLY JULY FOR SECOND VISIT AND HAS NOW DEPARTED FOR GENEVA. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND POLCOUNS MET WITH DAVIES JULY 3.

2. DAVIES STATED (A) UNDP-SOCIO ECONOMIC SURVEY PRESUMABLY ON TRACK FOR BADA KHSHAN (UNDP RESREP BORTHWICK CONFIRMS AND UNFDAC PREPARED DISCUSS WITH AFGANS PROJECTS RESULTING FROM THIS SURVEY; B) GOA IN MEANTIME STUDYING OTHER OPIUM-GROWING AREAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSION WITH UNFDAC; AND C) GOA HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SIMILAR
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SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEYS FOR 15 ADDITIONAL PROVINCES. RE LATTER,

DAVIES SAID HE HAD INDICATED LACK OF UNFDAC INTEREST (AND CAPABILITY) IN FINANCING. DAVIES STATED HE WAS RETURNING TO GENEVA WITH BELIEF GOA MOVING FORWARD REASONABLY WELL ON PROGRAM FOR OPIUM REPLACEMENT. HE BELIEVES GOA HAS MADE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN DEPMIN PLANNING FAROGH AS PERSON WHO COULD MASTERMIND ENTIRE PROJECT. DAVIES SEES NO NEED FOR MARTENS TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN NOW; AND IN FACT, RECOMMENDS THAT MARTENS SHOULD FURTHER DEALY VISIT UNTIL GOA READY FOR HIM.

3. COMMENT: A. WE DISCUSSED OVERALL PROGRAM IN SOME DEPTH AS SUGGESTED PARA 4 REF B; AND WE CONCUR IN DAVIES VIEW THAT A) GOA NOT YET READY FOR MARTENS VISIT AND B) DATA BASE CURRENTLY INSUFFICIENT FOR CONCLUSION PROJECT AGREEMENT AS DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT. WE EXPRESSED TO DAVIES USG DESIRE ASSIST IN REACHING EARLY UN/GOA PROJECT AGREEMENT; BUT DAVIES SUGGESTED THAT NO SPECIAL STEPS BE TAKEN AT MOMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE AWAIT HIS RETURN GENEVA (AND PRESUMABLY AFTER FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH MISONN GOUGH AFTER HE HAS REPORTED TO MARTENS) BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY ACTIONS. DAVIES FRANKLY STATES MAJOR OBSTACLE IN GENEVA IS MICUTA WHO IS ONLY INTERESTED IN AFGHAN PROGRAM WHICH EMPHASIZES CROP SUBSTITUTION.

B. THIS CONNECTION, DAVIES EMPHASIZED WELCOME AND SOUND FAROGH APPROACH ON "INCOME SUBSTITUTION" RATHER THAN "CROP SUBSTITUTION". THIS IS OF COURSE POINT USG HAS BEEN MAKING TO AFGHANS FOR SOME TIME. DAVIES EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THIS APPROACH, (AS DID WE TO DAVIES).

C. EMBASSY WILL SEEK EARLY MEETING WITH MAARUFI, ACTING DIRECTOR UN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN MFA, IN ORDER TO PURSUE PROBLEM INFORMATION. (MEETING LAST WEEK WITH GHASUS DID NOT ELICIT SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION SINCE GHASUS WAS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH HIS DUTIES OF ACTING DEPMIN AND HAD NOT SEEN DAVIES. MAARUFI, WHO WAS OUT OF KABUL DURING DAVIES JUNE VISIT, RETURNED IN TIME TO SEE DAVIES IN JULY. IN MEANTIME, WE SUGGEST GENEVA CONTINUE ITS HELPFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH MARTENS AND OTHERS REGARDING AFGAN PROGRAM. WE HOPE WELLMAN WILL SOON BE ON BOARD AND IN POSITION LEND HIS ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AFGHAN PROGRAM. AS WE SEE IT, IT WILL BE END OF YEAR BEFORE UNDP WILL HAVE EVEN PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON WHICH PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR BADA KHESHAN MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. WE WILL KEEP IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE TOUCH WITH GOA IN EVENT PROJECTS IN OTHER PROVINCES APPEAR POSSIBLE.
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